

DIAGRAMMATICS IN EARTH SCIENCES

It is often mentioned that a good picture is worth a thousand words. Therefore, preparation of good diagrams constitutes a very important component of any scientific communication. Unfortunately, this is a neglected aspect in the Earth Science in India. As a result, good work in this area often fails to reach excellence through acclaimed publications of international repute. To create an awareness in this field, Department of Geology, University of Poona with the support of Department of Science and Technology (DST) organised a contact programme from 22 to 29 February, 1996 aimed at exposing young earth scientists from different Indian universities and scientific organisations to various aspects of diagrammatics in earth sciences.

The programme was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor of Poona University, Prof. Vasant Gowariker. Different aspects of diagrammatics in Earth Science were presented by several experts conveying the state of art techniques like Automated Computer Cartography, Geological Information System (GIS), Digital Image Analysis Systems, etc.

The programme ended with a group evaluation by Dr. K.R.Gupta of the Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi. He appraised the participants about the young scientist schemes of DST, and requested the participants to disseminate information about the importance and relevance of achieving excellence in diagrammatics in publications in Earth Sciences.

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SHORT COMMUNICATIONS

It has been decided to encourage submission of "Short Communications" to the Journal, intended to convey important and significant results of ongoing investigations and research work. It will be our endeavour to bring out these without too much of time lag.

However, Short Communications should not exceed 1500 typewritten words and should be accompanied by an informative summary not exceeding three to five typed sentences. They may also include essential illustrations which would stand 2/3 reduction in the block making without loss of clarity, particularly the lettering employed. A short list of only the most important references may be appended at the end.

Authors are therefore requested to send in "Short Communications" to achieve the objectives stated. — *Ed.*